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Canada Second in Wheat Production

Canada is now the second wheat producing country in the world, according to 1921 statistics. It has carried on about half as much wheat as the United States, but they, it must be remembered, have ten inhabitants per acre. Russia has apparently fallen by the wayside, for she does not appear on the 1921 list. The C.N.E. has carried on the season, Sept. 1st to Nov. 13th, 41,320 cars or approximately nine and three-quarter million bushels. For the similar period in 1920, the number of cars handled was 21,888.

Hussar

Mr. Service gave a white drive and dance in the school house last Friday night. Mr. Moffat carried home men's first prize and Mrs. Walburn the lady's first prize. After lunch dancing was enjoyed by the younger set.

Gerald and Bob Smith spent a week at their home here before leaving for B. C. Mr. Jarvis and Mrs. Keblor, Miss Mrs. and F. Baker, of Luss, spent over Sunday with Mrs. Anderson.

A. Anderson and F. Fulton are out at the Red Deer on a hunt.

The next regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mr. Clifford on December 15th, at 2.30. Don't forget Sunday School at 3 o'clock next Sunday. Everyone welcome.

America's Best Alfalfa Seed

PRODUCT OF EASTERN IRRIGATION BLOCK WINS FIRST PRIZE AT CHICAGO

The first prize alfalfa seed at the big Chicago seed show was given to the Eastern Irrigation Block of the Canadian Pacific Railway. W. F. Grayson and F. D. McLaughlin, of Brooks, grew, cleaned and exhibited the seed that proved superior to the product of agricultural America.

Southern Alberta has been proven to be a wonderful seed producing country, especially in the irrigated sections. Time after time within the last few years seed produced in this district has won against the strongest competition. That these Brooks men were able to carry off first prize with alfalfa seed against the thousands of seed growers in the United States is a very creditable performance. They deserve every congratulation.

ALTAR SOCIETY LADIES SCORE BIG SUCCESS

The ladies of the Altar Society of the Catholic Church put on a very successful tea and sale of home cooking and fancy work on Saturday afternoon. A large number of the townspeople attended. Mrs. Roy Smith won a dainty worked centrepiece and Mrs. R. A. Travis won a cushion and scarf at a raffle that was held. The ladies who worked so hard to make the sale a success are pleased at the patronage of the public. They request The Mail to thank A. McKee, J. Bulmer and Fuzz Malloy for their assistance.

"THE SHEIK" IS COMING TO GEM

Jack Torgan has booked the famous picture "The Sheik" for December 1 and 17, following his policy of bringing the biggest picture hits of the season to Bassano. The picture was shown in Calgary last week and attracted tremendous crowds. "The Sheik" is an entrancing story of a love affair between an English girl and an Arab chieftain. The picture is worked out in gorgeous detail and is a real headliner.

On Monday and Tuesday next the "Riders of the Dawn" will be shown. This is from Zane Grey's famed story, which will be well worth seeing.

The U.F.A. membership is close to 35,000.

Hoot, Mon! CURLERS ARE AWAY FOR SEASON'S SPORT— RINKS CHOSEN

The curling fraternity are all set for the start of a big season. On Monday night the rink was selected and the ice is now in readiness.

The game promises to be popular this year and there will be many interesting competitions.

The draw for the rink was as follows, the skips being the first names:

Currie, Nesbitt, Bond, Donaldson.
McLaws, Stinson, Flanagan, Rev. Lytle.
Hyslop, McGregor, Allen, Morrison.
McCaughy, J. Stiles, Seale, McKee.
McClellan, Dooley, Jack Stiles, Glaze.
G. Stiles, Connolly, McLean, Smith, McCallum, Wright, R. Smith.
Dr. Scott, Sambrook, Neilson, R. Smith.
Other rinks will be formed later.

Crowfoot

Miss Nellie Graham left this week for Calgary.

Mr. Herbert Howell and W. C. Harker left Tuesday for B. C. for the winter.

Mr. Arthur Guyatt, who had the contract for the excavation of the school site, has completed same, but the cementing of it cannot be done until warmer weather.

The children, when completed, will be much appreciated, especially by the folks who have been on the job hauling water.

We all regret to learn that Mr. Raymond Metheny, who has been on the sick list for considerable time, is expected to be recovered to normal health.

Mr. Mrs. H. G. Howell and Mrs. Howell left Saturday for the States.

The election before New Year's is to be a maquisade on the 16th. It is the desire of the committee that they have a good attendance and wind up the remaining \$23 due on the piano. Prizes will be given to the best home made suit and also second best and gentleman's best and second best. Before and leave your engagements open for that date at the school house.

Voting was of no small matter in the school. The transportation committee got busy, especially Mr. Walker and Mrs. Arison, and saw to it that the school was in good shape for the election.

Now that election is over, the losing parties are paying up their bets.

Miss Helen Goodale, who has been visiting in the States, will be leaving for Calgary this week.

A neighbor of ours received a letter a few days ago from his friend in Winnipeg, which was a reply to a letter he had received thirty years ago. If everyone procrastinated to this extent wonder what the result would be?

Wheat Opens Lower And Goes on Slump

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—Following the weakness in the United States markets, Tuesday, the local market opened lower and continued to decline until wheat showed a loss of about 3c from the close on Monday. The market was active but heavy, offerings being apparently heavy and the buying power not extensive. A fair demand existed for wheat for export purposes.

There was fair demand for cash wheat with the spreads quoted on the May future to save switching of hedges.

The coarse grains were all slightly lower today being affected by the weakness in wheat. There is a fair demand for cash oats from both export and domestic interests, but trade volume is slight. Other coarse grains are quiet and featureless. Inspection totalled 942 cars of which 783 were wheat.

Mrs. Wm. J. Tegedine, of Standard, was in town visiting her father.

Liberal Party Gains Sweeping Victory

Has Clear Majority in Voting on Monday. The West Goes to Progressive Party and Garland Wins in Bow River

After ten years spent in the cold shades of opposition, the Liberal party was returned to political power in Canada on Tuesday last. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will be the new premier of Canada, succeeding Premier Arthur Meighen, who was defeated in his own riding.

The latest returns available give the standing in the house of commons as follows:

Liberals	121
Progressives	59
Conservatives	31
Labor	3

From this it will be seen that the Liberals have a clear majority over all other parties combined. This is satisfactory in that it will tend to stabilize government.

The defeat of the government was complete. Quebec gave a solid 66 seats for King, and the Maritime provinces went Liberal strongly.

The Progressives, as expected, swept the prairies, Frank Oliver, Liberal, and E. B. Bennett, Conservative, were the only old-time party candidates elected in Alberta.

The results of the election are not unsatisfactory. The Progressives gained tremendously and will be strong at Ottawa. The policy of high tariff received a tremendous blow. The strength of the Liberals lay in the east and the Progressives failed to make any showing outside of the west.

Five cabinet ministers went down in the defeat. Ontario stood by Meighen, returning 38 Conservatives.

One woman, Agnes McPhail, Progressive, was elected. Edward J. Garland, Progressive, was returned over W. Fulton, Conservative, and R. A. Weitz, Socialist, in Bow River riding. The latest vote results are:

Garland 8,009
Fulton 3,999
Weitz 160
Milo 90
Cluny 78
Gleichen 218
Gem 48
Namaka 78
Ouelletville 51
Arrowsmith 218
Garland Fulton
Bassano 127 160

Brooks	125	127
Rumsey	158	140
Rowley	63	136
Munson	160	24
Morrin	160	13
Big Valley	37	8
Rosedale	108	25
Huxley	74	36
Schollard	104	36
Mecheche	72	16
Redlands	40	8
Delia	102	94
Roebuck	64	97
Trochu	131	63
Hutchins	74	18
Handala	135	58
Wayne	122	119
Royford	40	70
Craigville	123	37
Latham	29	37
Chancellor	60	6
Rosemary	53	33
Leonard	68	33
Husser	25	12
Duchess	58	43
Rowford	67	15
Standard	67	15
Milo	90	4
Cluny	78	31
Gleichen	218	218
Gem	48	4
Namaka	78	23
Ouelletville	51	8
Arrowsmith	218	218
Drumheller	467	748

Contest For School Board Vacancies

COUNCILLORS AND HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBER ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Two members of the 1921 school board, H. J. Edgemoor and Dr. W. G. Neilson, and one member of the 1920 school board, R. A. Travis, are in the field for the two vacant positions on that body. The election is on Monday next.

The candidates were named by the nomination of Jos. Stiles and E. L. Skerritt, who served for the past two years, and Wallace Flanagan, a former mayor of Bassano. Thus an election will not be necessary. Robt. McLean was re-elected to the hospital board by acclamation.

Monday last was nomination day and the flurry on the school board was one of the exciting items. There was not the least competition for the council and it was only after heavy and continuous pressure that Mr. Flanagan consented to stand.

The school board contest will be quite interesting, however, and there promises to be quite a flurry on election day next Monday.

Owing to changeable weather there a great many winter colds and gripe cases in the district. The common cold is not serious but may develop into serious symptoms if it is suffered is not up to standard bodily vigor. Thus care should be taken even in cases of common "colds."

Financial State Of Canada Good

NO REASON FOR PESSIMISM THE FORMER MINISTER OF FINANCE DECLARES

MONTREAL.—With the Bank of Montreal, premier financial institution of Canada, showing the best financial statement it ever presented, with Canadian Pacific stock selling at a high price and with government securities at a high price, Canada is described as being in the verge of bankruptcy, Sir Thomas White, former minister of finance, making a statement of the state of the St. Antoine division, whom he addressed on Saturday night in support of W. G. Ross, government candidate.

Sir Thomas put the question especially to Hon. Walter Mitchell, Liberal candidate for the same division whom, he said, he was surprised to see "had got into a very depressed condition of mind with regard to the financial condition of Canada."

Because of a speech made by Premier Martin, of Saskatchewan, in opposition to the Progressive party, Hon. J. A. Maharg, minister of agriculture in that province, resigned his portfolio.

HAY PRICES

Baled, at Country Points:
Upland \$15 to \$14
Green Feed \$11 to \$13
Timothy \$18 to \$19
Calgary prices range \$6 a ton higher.

Masons Elect New Officers

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at the meeting of the local Masonic Lodge on Tuesday evening:

W. Master—C. F. Dooley.
Sr. Warden—E. G. Holter.
Jr. Warden—A. F. MacCallum.
Treas.—Jas. R. Donaldson.
Sec.—W. G. Neilson.

F. M. Committee—E. H. McKee, Caugherty and A. McKee Tyler—R. A. Travis.

Tax Sale To Be Held Soon

BASSANO PROPERTY OFFERED FOR PURCHASE

On Wed. Dec. 14 the annual tax sale will be held and property on which the taxes have not been paid for the past two years will be offered for sale. The list of property liable for sale appeared in a recent issue of The Mail.

Owners of property sold at tax sales have one year to redeem and a penalty of ten per cent. is added, which goes to the purchaser when the property is redeemed and the required taxes are paid.

Some valuable property will be offered at the forthcoming sale and it will be well worth while for people in search of "snaps" attending.

Bassano Needs Grist Milling Industry

By A. C. WEAVER

The wide spread constantly maintained between wheat prices and flour values would seem to urge the advisability of community action looking to the establishment of a local grist mill in Bassano. Such a mill has been installed at Hanna and is said to be a success, practically all farmers within a radius of 35 to 40 miles bringing wheat until, at the present time sufficient has accumulated to keep the mill busy for the next three months, while a multitude are awaiting word to bring additional grain.

One needs but to note the following figures to realize the great benefits offered by a local grist mill, the table being based on No. 1 Northern, standard, at 31, and "feed" wheat at 31.

Cost of 194 lbs flour	\$5.23
Thus the cost of flour to farmers bringing their wheat to grist, is \$2.61 1/2 per cwt.	
196 lbs. straight flour at 4.15 per cwt.	\$8.30
15 lbs bran and shorts at \$1.00 per cwt.	\$1.50
Total market value	\$5.23
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His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada, playing a game of billiards with the staff of the military district No. 4, at Fort McMurray.

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THE ELECTION

William Lyon Mackenzie King is the next premier of Canada and the Liberal party will conduct the government for the next electoral term. The people have made known their desire, and on Tuesday returned the Liberals to power.

The result appears to be a popular decision in favor of a medium line of action and a disapproval of Meighen's high tariff policy, as well as the free trade policy of the Progressives.

There is a feeling of relief and relaxation in the air now that the election is over. The uncertainty of the past few months is at an end. The advent of the new government may coincide with better economic conditions and if this result it will be exceeding well for the Liberal government.

The Progressive party has ample representation and appear to be well satisfied. The conduct of government will be greatly influenced by the compact body representing the farmers. This should be of benefit to all of Canada. Even his bitter political enemies must regret Hon. Arthur Meighen's personal defeat in Portage La Prairie. The government leader is possessed of great ability and his genius would be of advantage even in opposition.

The Dominion is ready and anxious for the new, and let us hope, more progressive regime of the Liberal party. Canada sorely needs the best in the way of wise government at the present time.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

The three candidates for the two vacancies on the school board are, each one, excellent and are the best of the district. Cannot possibly make a mistake on this occasion. Any two will fulfill the duties required in a capable manner. The Mail does not care to differentiate between the respective abilities of these men; it would be manifestly unfair to do so. H. J. Pidgeon served a full year and we can state that he has been a conscientious

and capable trustee. Dr. Nelson took up the work when R. P. Robinson resigned and he too has shown diligence and energy in performing the duties required. R. A. Trivis was a member of former boards and possesses a keen knowledge of school requirements and is of progressive in his views. In view of the known abilities of the three candidates the electors may well scratch their heads with due diligence before casting their ballots.

REFLECTIONS

Newspaper businesses are not exempt from the dire pressure of hard times, and it is only by careful management and the constant exercise of caution that many publications are able to keep of financial "hot water." It is a known fact that many businesses of this nature are losing money heavily. The Grain Growers Guide, with the solid support of a big circulation behind it, dropped \$105,000 in twelve months. High labor costs, high price of machinery and the slowness with which paper prices are coming down tend to make the lot of the publisher none too happy. An instance of the high price of printing machinery can be quoted by The Mail. A mold for the Linotype, which is a plain piece of highly finished metal and which weighs but a couple of pounds, costs over a hundred dollars, or around \$135.00.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that the editorial in The Mail last week on Gordon Forster was somewhat mixed; in that it resembled one of Gordon's choice metaphors.

There are 11,924 pupils attending Calgary public schools. Edmonton Eskimos lost the game for the rugby championship of Canada to Toronto Argonauts, 25-0.

The area depicted in yesterday's Saskatchewan this year totalled 1,038,507 acres, an increase of 600 per cent. over 1920. There will also be a big increase in next year's crop, it is expected.

The offices of the department of Natural Resources of the C.P.R. Investigation Branch, in charge of Earl E. Beck, have been moved to Muir's store building.

Authority On
Dairying Writer
MR. SMITH, OF LATHOM
GETS INTERESTING
LETTER FROM
VISITOR

The editor of the Holstein Friesian World, published at Syracuse, New York, writes the following letter to Mr. Smith, of Latham:

Mr. Albert E. Smith,
Milky Way Farm,
Bassano, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Since my very pleasant visit with you at Milky Way Farm I have thought considerably about the problems which are presented by agricultural conditions in your section of the country. I was impressed with the possibilities for profitable development of the natural resources through irrigation and other of your vast prairies. I believe that the great opportunity for your farmers in making the most of these possibilities is in the development of the dairy industry. This has been the experience of our own great prairie state where the industry of our pioneers filled the ranges with beef cattle in place of the native buffalo; where, with the cutting up of the ranges, the growing of wheat and other small grains marked another forward step; but where now the dairy cow is coming to be recognized as the real anchor to windward in view of adversity and the exponent of the highest type of agriculture. With us the conditions of the last eighteen months have been very difficult for all branches of agriculture but the records are clear that United States today is far and the dairy industry in the away in better financial shape than the case with the beef and grain growers. In fact, the latter class is almost solvent right now. I do not make this statement inadvisedly. The Federal Farm Loan Board, through its report of the year's business, makes the strongest argument for the dairy industry I have ever heard in North Dakota, where the experience in state agriculture, added measureably to the financial troubles of the farmer, however, by the hundred from the Federal Land Bank have been unable to meet their interest obligations. The significant part of this statement is that not a single dairyman in the entire district failed to pay his interest in full. The dairy has provided them with a steady consistent income, an income that went right on day after day regardless of drought, hail, blight, bugs or anything else. The reports from Minnesota and Wisconsin exactly parallel the experiences of these North Dakota farmers. The United States Department of Agriculture has figures which illustrate the same situation in a striking manner. The following examples are typical: In the Sumas, Washington, a grain raising section, the per capita deposit was \$541.46 while at Mt. Vernon, Washington, an intensely dairy section, the per capita deposit was \$266.91; while Nampa, a dairy section of the same state, showed \$806.32. At Moorhead, Minnesota, where seed growing is the principal farm industry, the figures were \$551.96 while at Dassel, Minnesota, an intensely dairy section, the figures given are \$1715.36. If bank deposits are an indication of material prosperity the argument for the dairy cow is conclusive.

Surprising as these findings may seem, a study of the fundamental underlying causes furnishes explanation enough. Take the case of the beef steer. I believe you can get at this time in Calgary about four cents a pound on the hoof and your average steer would probably not go far more than a hundred dollars, a one thousand pounds, a gross return of forty dollars. A good grade Holstein heifer of the year you showed me Milky Way, and which you told me was selling at from seventy-five to one hundred dollars, will produce with reasonable good care, from eight to ten thousand pounds of milk in a year's time. At two dollars a hundred this would figure a return of from \$160 to \$200. You do not have to sell her over the block in order to cash in on her product; she will go on duplicating her performance

year after year. Each year she will produce for you the equivalent of four or five steers and in addition a calf that may eventually be worth as much as herself. In her lifetime, she conservatively should average six producing years, she will enrich her owner and the community. The lives of four to five steers in amount equal to from twenty-four to thirty steers in addition to her own value. The dairy cow converts the products of the farm many of which would not be readily marketable under a system of grain farming, into an indispensable part of the human bill of fare, a product which is always in demand, which is not affected by violent price fluctuations to the disadvantage of the producer, which is economical of transportation space and expense and which returns a steady income every day of the year. Is it any wonder then, that the dairymen are meeting their obligations while other farmers are going to the wall? Is it any wonder that bank deposits in dairy communities average nearly three times as high as in strictly grain growing centers and that the bankers of the middle western states are lining up solidly behind the introduction of more dairy cows on the farm within their territories?

In the pioneer work you are doing in selling the idea of the dairy cow to the farmers of Alberta, I am glad you are emphasizing the importance of purebred sires in raising profitable producers. The point cannot be over-emphasized. The beginner with dairy cattle when he is faced with the real anchor to windward in view of adversity and the exponent of the highest type of agriculture. With us the conditions of the last eighteen months have been very difficult for all branches of agriculture but the records are clear that United States today is far and the dairy industry in the away in better financial shape than the case with the beef and grain growers. In fact, the latter class is almost solvent right now. I do not make this statement inadvisedly. The Federal Farm Loan Board, through its report of the year's business, makes the strongest argument for the dairy industry I have ever heard in North Dakota, where the experience in state agriculture, added measureably to the financial troubles of the farmer, however, by the hundred from the Federal Land Bank have been unable to meet their interest obligations. The significant part of this statement is that not a single dairyman in the entire district failed to pay his interest in full. The dairy has provided them with a steady consistent income, an income that went right on day after day regardless of drought, hail, blight, bugs or anything else. The reports from Minnesota and Wisconsin exactly parallel the experiences of these North Dakota farmers. The United States Department of Agriculture has figures which illustrate the same situation in a striking manner. The following examples are typical: In the Sumas, Washington, a grain raising section, the per capita deposit was \$541.46 while at Mt. Vernon, Washington, an intensely dairy section, the per capita deposit was \$266.91; while Nampa, a dairy section of the same state, showed \$806.32. At Moorhead, Minnesota, where seed growing is the principal farm industry, the figures were \$551.96 while at Dassel, Minnesota, an intensely dairy section, the figures given are \$1715.36. If bank deposits are an indication of material prosperity the argument for the dairy cow is conclusive.

I hope you can impress these facts not only on the farmers in your section, but also upon the bankers, whose support is so essential in the working out of the problem. It should be impressed upon them that when they are financing the farmers in the purchase of dairy cattle they are contributing to a condition that is bound to result in doubled and tripled deposits, that will melt out the frozen credits through steady earnings every month of the year, and which lastly, will make possible a permanent system of agriculture.

Wishing you continued success in the good work you are doing,

I am,
Yours very truly,
M. E. PRISCOOTT
Editor Holstein Friesian World
Syracuse, N. Y.

Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year and consequently will be observed on the following Monday.

Dredging tests carried on by a trio of Claresholm, Alberta, miners in the vicinity of Hudson Hope in the Peace River country have proven very satisfactory, according to reports brought from the ground upon the completion of the testing operations. Dirt running at least \$1.00 in gold to the cubic yard was worked and with the opening of spring the wide area intends to commence development upon a large scale.

When thinking of buying Christmas presents do not overlook the opportunity of winning \$100.00 at McKee's stores

GEM THEATRE

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Friday & Saturday this week—

OWEN MOORE

in

"BEATING THE GAME"

Monday and Tuesday—

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No raise in price

Wednesday and Thursday—

THOMAS MEIGHEN

"CAPPIE RICKS"

From the novel by Peter B. Kyne.

Friday & Saturday—

Face Special

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in

"RIDERS OF THE DAWN"

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CHRISTMAS

CAKES

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Good fire wood cut in short lengths for your stove.

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HARDWARE BULLETIN

Bassano, Alberta, Thursday, December 8th, 1921.

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Christmas will be here on Sunday December 26th, only a week from Sunday. The timehonored festival will be celebrated on Monday the 26th. Every man, woman and child looks forward to good old Christmas Time. The children with hope and longing, the youth and young womanhood and manhood with feelings of good cheer and high spirits, and the old with the happy and kindly memories of past Yuletides.

Christmas time is a time of joys, of giving and receiving. The stores are all in festive array now with their Christmas wares to the fore.

This store is right in line with a varied array of merchandise suitable for gifts. Hardware includes articles peculiarly appropriate for gifts. Especially in times such as at present useful and sensible gifts are certainly advisable, and we aim at impressing our customers in favor of buying such articles. Just think of such appropriate articles as our electric iron, a percolator, a tea pot, or something similar would be for the lady of the house. She would appreciate such things \$65 days in the year.

In the household where there is no such thing as a washing machine it would be a splendid gift.

Dad can be supplied with gifts he will appreciate at our store. Enquire for suitable presents for him and we will gladly show you a variety.

SPORTING EXTRA

Bassano Hockey Team is getting into shape and ready to meet all comers.

See the Juniors battle against Gleichen on Friday night. Watch the midgets go.

Skating is the vogue there days. The ice is fine and Currie & Milroy have the skates, straps, etc.

Soop'er up! Watch Bassano go in the Purcell Cup. Curlers get your brooms at Currie & Milroy's.

To revert to Christmas gifts, you can get skates, sleighs, hockey sticks for the boy; he'll appreciate them.

GENERAL

Our store has the reputation of carrying a big general stock of hardware. This store is here for your convenience and benefit. We have marked our prices down to a very reasonable margin. Our prices were not unduly boosted in war times as scores of stores in Alberta did, and when the slump

came we took our loss. Our customers may at all times rely on our prices being fair.

LOCALS

Don't forget the tax sale next week in the town hall. Buy a lot and take an interest in your town. Latest elevator price for No. 1 Northern '76c.

COMIC SECTION

Eleven years have passed since Mark Twain died and the greatest tribute to his genius is that no humorist has arisen to take his place. Opinions differ as to which was his funniest story, but there are those who think that the yarn about the meanest man is not easily beaten. "The meanest man I ever knew," he said, "lived in Hannibal. He sold his son-in-law the half of a very fine cow, and then refused to share the milk with him, on the ground that he had only sold him the front half. The son-in-law was always compelled to provide all the cow's fodder and to carry water to her twice a day. Finally the cow buttered the old man through a barbed wire fence, and he sued his son-in-law for damages."

"We have some nice cut glass, silverware, cutlery, etc., which would do nicely for Christmas presents."

Currie & Milroy, Ltd.



Before you buy your Christmas Gifts and Toys come to **Bulmer's Store** and see our display. We have *cut the price* of our toys and other gifts to clear everything out by December 25th.

See our DOLLAR WINDOW this week

EVERY ARTICLE is priced at \$1.00 and there are values as high as \$3. Out they must go!

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TOYS GAMES BOOKS
SMOKERS' SUPPLIES
CANDY FRUIT
XMAS CARDS AND DECORATIONS
DISHES and GIFTS of EVERY KIND
BASSANO

Judicial Sale of Farm Property

PURSUANT to the Order Nisi and Order for Sale in Action No. 17391, in the Supreme Court of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary, there will be offered for sale by public auction with approval of the Court, by A. A. MacGregor, auctioneer, the Court House in the Town of Bassano, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the 7th day of January, A.D. 1922, the following lands and premises in one parcel, namely—All and Singular of the East half of Section Ten, and the South-east quarter of Section Fifteen, both in Township Twenty-three, Range Thirteen, West of the Fourth Meridian in the Province of Alberta, containing 480 acres more or less.

The vendor is informed that the said lands are situated near Natchy Post Office, Alberta; that the soil is of a choice loam and the whole lands are tillable; that there is a good well and a two and three wire fence, and that the buildings consist of a house 14' x 32', and a granary 10' x 12'; that 65 acres of the said lands were under cultivation in 1921.

The property will be offered for sale in one parcel subject to a reserve bid fixed by the Court.

TERMS—15 per cent deposit at the time of the sale to the Plaintiff or his Solicitor.

The balance to be paid into Court within 60 days without interest.

In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of sale of the said Court.

Further particulars can be had from the undersigned, or from H. C. B. FORSYTH, 303 Leeson & Lincolnton Block, Calgary, Alberta, Solicitor for the Plaintiff.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, this 26th day of November, A.D. 1921.

(Sgd.) A. G. C. CLOWES
Clerk in Chambers.

Approved:
(Sgd.) L. F. CLARRY,
M. C.

15-16-17-c

FOR SALE
Or will trade for cattle, 1 John Deere 14 in. gang plow, both bottoms; 1 Deering 14 in. mower and rake; 2 wagons, 1 truck and 1 hay rack; 1 press, drill; 6 set of harness, one 1½ h.p. 2 type engine; 1 sulky 14 in. 4 section; J. D. lever harrows; pump jack and 20 bbl. water tank; 1 power Family Meadows washing machine; 1 De Laval No. 15 cream separator; blacksmith outfit; 1000 bu. of Golden Olden oats weighing 44 lbs. to the bu.; 6 milk

Notice

TOWN OF BASSANO Municipal Elections

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held for the office of school trustee for the Town of Bassano for the years 1922 and 1923, and that the polling will take place on the 12th day of December, 1921, from 10 o'clock in the forenoon until 7 o'clock in the afternoon at the following place, Town Office, and that I will at the Town Office on Tuesday, the 13th day of December, 1921, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the result of the election.

JAS. R. DONALDSON,
Returning Officer.

Notice

To HENRY FRANKLIN DALY
Formerly of Favor, Alberta, and of Duchs, Alberta.
TAKE NOTICE that the Canadian Mortgage Investment Company has commenced an action No. 18512 against you in the Supreme Court of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by you to the said company on the 10th day of April, A.D. 1919, and covering the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty-four (24), in Township Twenty (20), Range Fifteen (15), West of the Fourth Meridian in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of realizing the sum of \$860.98 and interest thereon from the 1st day of June, 1921.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you have appeared on or before the 2nd day of January, A.D. 1922.

(a) A Statement of Defence, or

(b) A Demand that notice of any application be given you,

the Plaintiff may obtain judgment and Final Order for Foreclosure without any further notice to you.

DATED at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, this 28th day of November, A.D. 1921.

A.G.A. CLOWES,
Clerk in Chambers.

Approved:
(Sgd.) L. F. CLARRY,
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14-16-c

cows, 9 head shoats. All the above is in A 1 shape and will be taken over by the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on Dec. 9-23-16, Gem, Alta. phone R512.

14-p

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Return Tickets to EASTERN CANADA

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ESTRAY—Three yearling heifers, Herefords, branded R.H. Finder notify F. N. Beachy, Bassano, P. O. Box 322.

14-16-p

FOR SALE—Bronze turkey gobblers, pure bred, eggs shipped from Newaska, \$6 each. Apply J. E. Schaeffer, Gem.

13-15-p

WANTED—A second-hand heater; state price. Mrs. C. A. Sluss, Bassano, Alta.

12-15-c

FOR SALE—Rose Comb White Wyandotte cockerels from Gould's bred-to-day strain, \$4 each. M. R. Milroy, Bassano.

12-15-c

ALFALFA HAY FOR SALE Between 75 and 100 tons. Arrangements can be made to feed on place. Apply J. E. Schaeffer, Demonstration Farm, Gem, Alberta.

15-16-c

HUSBAND—On the premises of Joe E. Crawford, S.E. ¼ of Sec. 15-24-14, one 2-year-old grey mare, wt. about 1500 lbs., about 10 years age, no marks of any kind, branded A on left thigh.

14-16-c

FOR SALE—One ¼ white enamel bed, springs and mattress, one extension table, one small table, all nearly new. Enquire J. W. Bulmer.

13-15-p

CATTLE

I have an abundance of wild hay and oat straw and can deliver 50 to 100 head of cattle will handle them at a low price.

PAUL J. MACUTCHEON, Box 254, Bassano, N.E. Sec. 36, T. 20, R. 17, 12 miles east of Bassano.

POUND NOTICE

Impounded the pound kept by the undersigned, S.E. ¼ sec. 15-24-14, one 2-year-old red and white steer.

Branded on right ribs with J. S. Robarge, poundkeeper Hutton, Alta.

14-15-c

\$500 REWARD for recovery of red cow branded R.H. about 4 yrs. old, one red calf about 2 months old. J. Todd or E. Sanford, Latham.

14-15-p

ESTRAY—On the premises of J. Massicot, N.W. ¼ Sec. 1-21-16-4, Rosemary; one steer, 2 yrs., white face except has red spot on nose, white belly, white withers, branded on left ribs with 3 red heifer, long yearling branded same as above.

1 dark roan cow, about 3 yrs. branded same as above, also on left hip.

1 dark roan heifer calf, about 4 months, no brand. Above described animals have been on premises since about Oct. 20, 1921.

CHAS. ORLEANS, Brand Reader, Rosemary, Alta.

Nov. 23rd, 1921 15-16-c

The population of the province of Alberta has increased from 274,663 in 1911 to 581,995 in 1921, an advance of 207,332, or 55.34 per cent, for the ten year period.

FOSSILS FROM RED DEER

Three carloads of fossil bones have been taken from the Red Deer fossil field this season. Twenty-five specimens were sent to the University of Alberta and the University of Toronto, and 18 to the Geological Survey which will be added to the government collection at Ottawa. Some of the dinosaurs dug out from the rock-like clay are 30 feet in length.

13-15-p

Obituary
EDWARD SHAW

The death occurred at the Bassano hospital on Saturday, December 3rd, of Edward Shaw, of Stevelille, (Alberta), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Shaw. The deceased was but a youth, having been born May 5th, 1899. Death resulted from an abscess of the brain.

The boy was quite a rider and two years ago he was thrown from a horse at the Stevelille picnic and his head was injured. It is thought that this old injury developed into an abscess of the brain.

The late Edward Shaw served overseas during the war, and was a member of the action. His parents, one brother, Leslie, and one sister, Mrs. E. O. Coult, survive.

Ambrose Shaw, the father, is well known as the ferryman at Stevelille at which place he has been a resident for nearly 20 years. The son, whose untimely death occurred, was popular among a wide circle of friends and had a promising manhood before him.

The funeral was held at Stevelille on Monday, Mr. Greene conducting the services.

The following account of the funeral of the late John O. Carr formerly of North Baltimore, appeared in the Sentinel-Tribune of Bowling Green, Ohio.

"A very impressive service, conducted by Rev. F. E. Higbee of North Baltimore, and Rev. F. B. King of Croydon, was held for the late John O. Carr Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 23 at 2 o'clock from the home of J. H. Foster, brother-in-law of the deceased, at Portage. The profusion of beautiful flowers was a mute token of the high esteem in which he was held by his many friends. Burial was made in the Sargent cemetery."

Deceased was born on Dec. 30, 1870, near Portage, where he was reared to manhood and lived until the last ten years spent in extensive farming near Bassano, Alberta. He was a man of noble and generous impulses, quick in his sympathies and just in his policies.

He leaves to sorrow for their loss a faithful and devoted wife and two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Dell and Mrs. D. A. Curtis, both of Jamestown, New York.

14-15-c

TAKE NOTICE that certain lands in the town of Bassano will be offered for sale for arrears of taxes and costs, on Wednesday, the 14th day of December, 1921, in the Town Hall, Bassano, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Full list of the said lands may be found in the issue of The Bassano Mail of date Oct. 27th.

Unless the arrears of taxes and costs be sooner paid, the treasurer will proceed to sell the lands at the time and place above mentioned.

Dated at Bassano, Alberta, the 3rd day of November, 1921.

JAS. DONALDSON, Treasurer.

14-15-c

LOCAL PASTOR PREACHES IN CALGARY

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MARKETS

CATTLE—Beef—Higher—Calgary yards had a good run of beef cattle this week, and with improved quality and season. A second reason for his vacillating on well finished sin, his vacillation was undoubtedly Choice steers, \$4.50 @ \$5.25;

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stronger, with lambs, \$5.25 @ \$7; ewes, \$2.50 @ \$4.50; and wethers, \$4.50 @ \$5.50.

GRAIN—Some fluctuations, but under one of the most appears to be stronger. Liver-pool appears to have enough for a while, and prices may drag a little, but opinion is that our good Canadian wheat will be in demand.

PRODUCE—Poultry—Calgary prices firm; chicken, 12c @ 14c; fowl, 9c @ 12c; ducks and geese, 16c @ 19c; turkeys, 22c @ 25c; dressed prices about 6c over above, and shippers can save express charge and drink it do not leave ship-ments too late.

Butter—firm and unchanged at 44c @ 39c on cartons; sales made to Vancouver on basis of 38½c; special domestic demand taking care of the most of the make. Dairy Butter—coming more freely; fancy table, 27c @ 31c; No. 1, 22c @ 25c; No. 2, 19c @ 22c; Milk—3, 25c @ 18c. Cream and Milk—Prices unchanged. Eggs—Quoted higher and strictly fresh, \$14.00 @ \$15.50; stored, \$12.00 @ \$13.00.

UNITED STATES—Potatoes—No market, offering of car lots at country points at \$18 refused, \$18 and \$20 respectively.

HAY—Very little movement; some business reported, paid \$12 @ \$13 country points, basis to farmers.

DEERS—Dealers and packers are still able to find a market, though prices are low. Frozen hides are quoted at \$1.00 @ \$1.25.

FURS—Season on muskrats and minks is well advanced; prices will be about \$1.00 @ \$1.25, remains at 60c @ 70c.

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Gem

Royson brothers received word of the death of their father and the illness of a brother from pneumonia. Bizz Royson left for Idaho to attend the funeral.

A. L. Fryberger attended a hospital board meeting in Bassano Saturday night.

Frank P. Chamberlain is spending a few days in Calgary on business.

Gladys Forney visited at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fryberger. The Forney family are recovering from the scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fryberger are among the sick. Almost everybody is complaining of a gripe or bad cold.

Whilst taking in the mail one day last week, Fred Bramble came upon a man lying unconscious across the trail. Fred promptly loaded him in the

closed and took him to Bassano where he received medical treatment. The man proved to be a homesick wanderer who had strayed from home with a team which got away from him. The team came to J. E. Stepp's place who found them standing at his gate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robinson were calling in Bassano last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stepp spent Friday in Bassano.

Earl Robinson is in Calgary at the present time.

The Ladies' Aid bazaar held Saturday was very successful and received loyal support from the whole neighborhood. Everybody seemed to have a good time, especially during the auction when the bachelors were busy buying articles for their "hope chests."

A. L. Fryberger, Geo. Fryberger, F. P. Chamberlain spent Monday in Bassano.

Father Donovan celebrated mass at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McGuire today. There was quite a good number present.

Hot lunch for the school children was served on Monday and proved successful.

The members of the Ladies' Aid thank everyone who assisted in making a success of the bazaar given December 3rd. After expenses have been

met it is probable that our one hundred dollars will be cleared from the proceeds of the bazaar.

Mr. J. A. Ross, who has been selling his daughter, Mrs. Alex Silver, is returning to his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, sooner than he had expected owing to business which requires his presence there.

On Monday evening the Young Peoples Society will present the sketch "Six Cups of Chocolate" at a variety programme of music and readings in the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome admission 25c.

Gem School Report for the month of November

GRADE VIII
1 Lois Parrott, 2 Charlie Bramble, 3 Clarence Waltemath, 4 Jerry Keener, 5 Jas. McNeill, 6 Dorothy McBride.

GRADE VII
1 Viola Anderson, 2 Gladys Waltemath, 3 Edith Vliet, 4 Malcolm Schaeffer, 5 Walter Pollock, 6 Willie Pollock, 7 Mabel Hudson, 8 Winter Royer

GRADE VI
1 Ruhamah Parrott, 2 Robert Richard, 3 Edith Selfridge, 4 Mark Warner, 5 Pauline Keener, 6 Dorothy McBride, 7 Arvida Ewing.

Latham
— Andy Richardson returned on Friday last from Calgary. He is going to stay at the Dominion Farm to take care of John Heselt's horses this winter.

Miss Wagner returned from Ohio on Saturday last. She expects to return to the States in the spring.

John Heselt returned to Calgary on Sunday. He managed to catch three coyotes with the dogs during his brief stay here.

A bazaar will be given by the Latham Ladies' Community Club in the school house on December 10th. Proceeds are to go to the hall they contemplate building.

Mrs. Wenlock, of Calgary, who is well known in this district, fell and broke her wrist a short while ago.

Wm. Brydon is busy these days digging a cellar under his house. Looks as if Bill is back to stay.

Countess

Mrs. Snape was in Strathmore last week where she attended the funeral of their only daughter.

Mrs. Royal Burrows came home from the Bassano hospital the last part of the week.

Frank Heaton attended a stag party in Gem on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Corry arrived here from Standard the last part of the week and will spend the winter here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill.

The W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Sluss on Saturday, December 3rd. It being an annual meeting the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. May Burrows.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. Gertrude Cleve.

Sec. Treas.—Mrs. Enid D. Sluss.
Directors—Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Dingley.

Auditors—Mrs. Heidt and Mrs. Heron.

There will be a meeting of the U.F.A. on Friday evening December 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Felton entertained with a whist party Thursday evening. Messrs and Mesdames Snyder, Matlick, Cleve, Sluss, Mausey, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Cleve, Mr. Heaton, Mrs. May Burrows and Miss Cross of Gem.

Mr. Leamont was taken to the Bassano hospital the last of the week where he underwent an operation.

Police Court
CALENDAR OF CASES 15 HEARD DURING PAST WEEK

Last Saturday night Jos. Bushman, of Chancellor, was charged with selling liquor. The case was dismissed because of insufficient evidence.

V. Haddock, a boy from Hussar, was fined \$200 for a breach of the liquor act. A whiskey detective asked the lad to get him a bottle, which he did, and even got him a second bottle. The young fellow was then considered a bootlegger but rather indiscreet.

Druggist Bamantyne, of Cluny, was found to have liquor on his premises. This is an infraction of the law as he ceased to be a privileged person when convicted last fall. Judge Bond imposed a fine of \$40 and costs.

Liquor detective Lynan worked up the above cases.

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French Newspapers Greatly Disturbed Over Proposed Moratorium

London.—Dr. Walter Rathenau, the former German minister of reconstruction, who is here in connection with German reparations, continued, private conferences with officials and bankers. Thus far this public has been obliged to be content with speculation over the form the help for Germany, which is under discussion, will take, while French news, apart from the fact that each side is at present negotiating, are proceeding between Britain and Germany's semi-official

representative, with France outside the secrets of the council. Sir John Bradbury, the British member of the reparations commission, has issued a denial in Paris that he is recommending a moratorium to the British Government. That, however, in no way excludes the possibility of a moratorium being considered.

Reports in the French press credit Dr. Rathenau with trying to raise a British loan in East Germany over the payment of the January instalment of the reparations account.

MILLIONS BEING ASKED FOR ILLEGAL ACTS OF CANADIANS BY GERMANS

Ottawa.—Already 659 claims, aggregating \$22,494,376 have been filed with Major H. Spencer Ralph, of the department of the secretary of state for reparation for illegal acts of war.

Claims committed on Canadians and Canadian property by Germans and their allies during the war. It is anticipated that many additional claims will be made and that this total will run into many millions of dollars.

Sir Douglas Hare, who has been appointed to investigate these claims, will decide the amounts the claimants are to receive. The claims, after investigation, will be paid from Canada's share of the reparations, as indicated by Great Britain from Germany on this account.

Canada will receive 4.35 of Great Britain's 22 per cent of the total reparations assigned against Germany by the Allied nations.

Perhaps the most peculiar claims are those of Armenian residents in

Canada for losses alleged to have been suffered by them as a result of the Turkish atrocities in Armenia. These are 91 of these claims, totalling \$1,167,168.

The department has received 119 claims for ships, cargoes and merchandise lost at sea by Canadians during the war. There are 58 claims totalling \$1,134,251 based on passengers lost; the claims have not been admitted. The shipping process laid the heavy burden left by successive storms.

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Britain's Safest Policy Is Investments Within Empire

London.—Winston Spencer Churchill, colonial secretary, in a speech in London, said that if Great Britain was able only to look to the east and the west her position would be unhappy, but in the great dominions she had to look to the east and the west.

Before British investors can make money on strange shores let them, he said, be quite sure there was not in the British Empire a more certain means of securing wealth and certain returns.

In future they would need to draw more from imperial resources and as this means the strengthening of the British position. They were well advised to repose themselves confidently on the loyalty of the Empire. If that failed there would be little use in any part of the world.

It is obvious that the money invested in the great overseas dominions would return bringing with it means for future enterprise. If they had patience and wisdom, the dark days would pass and they would live to see the dawn of another era as splendid as the first.

Lord Mount Stephen, who was born in the British Empire, was fortunate enough to live.

Swiss Franc Is In Great Demand

Paper Money Worth More Than Face Value Abroad

Geneva.—While some countries are suffering because their paper money is worth next to nothing abroad, Switzerland is suffering because hers is worth more than its face value abroad.

Several of the leading bankers here were asked to explain this phenomenon, and their replies may be summarized as follows:

"Switzerland has had nothing to do with the Swiss franc being in demand. Other countries, especially Italy, Germany, France and even Austria, are buying necessities in Switzerland and the United States, and paying for them in Swiss francs.

In short, the demand for Swiss francs exceeds the supply, and has long done so, which of course makes it rise in value. Moreover, all these countries with low exchanges have been using the Swiss franc to pay their bills abroad.

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Many Wheat Awards Go to Canadians

Ottawa.—L. Newman, secretary of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, reports to the Department of Agriculture that members of the association have won 23 out of 25 prizes in wheat; the first prize, and in all, twenty prizes in wheat, first and third prizes in alfalfa seed, and second and third prizes in flint corn at the Chicago International Exhibition. Despite this unfavorable crop year in Canada, the record for the Canadian Seed Growers' Association surpasses winnings of former years.

Millions Damage In New England Storm

Difficulties of Electric and Telephone Companies Unprecedented

W. D. McKay, Publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, says that the damage to the electric and telephone companies, it was announced their difficulties were unprecedented.

Teachers-Rescued Treatment

Many Canadian Teachers Receiving Minimum Allowance In English Schools

London, Ont.—Toronto school board regarding the treatment accorded Canadian teachers in England has been made in the Department of Education in Toronto, according to a letter received here from one of the teachers.

Want Governor's Position Abolished

Tasmania In Favor Of Doing Away With Office

London.—A letter came from Hobart, capital of Tasmania, says the House of Assembly passed a resolution in favor of abolition of the office of state governor. Premier Sir W. H. Bess, announced that the governor, Sir William Allardice, will sail in January on a three month tour.

Russia Will Ask Help From Britain

Want Moratorium If Germany Is Granted This Relief

London.—Lord Krasin, the Bolshevik minister of trade and commerce, is to take up with Mr. Lloyd George the question of Russia's debt and commercial revival. It is believed in Russian official circles that there is a probability of M. Krasin's suggesting a moratorium regarding Russia's debt.

Lord Mount Stephen Dies In England

Was First President of Canadian Pacific Railway

London.—Lord Mount Stephen died peacefully at Brookfield Hall, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

He had been an absolute recluse for many years. He died of sheer old age, peacefully.

Spanish Police Dismissed

Were Doing Nothing To Suppress Gambling In Clubs

Barcelona.—The police officers are adopting stern measures to suppress gambling in clubs and other centers of dissipation.

Chief Inspector Fernandez Luna made a surprise visit to clubs to investigate whether the police orders were being carried out. He found that games of chance were not being interrupted and immediately dismissed about a dozen police inspectors and captains.

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WESTERN EDITORS Australia Injured By German Steel Imports

London.—Sydney Daily Telegraph, New South Wales, says that the influx of German steel imports, which is crippling Australian industry, is injuring the steel industry in Australia.

Portuguese Threatened By Bolshevism

Spreading Through Large Towns and Conditions Are Serious

London.—The powers are considering intervention in Portugal and the situation in the south, where the "red" wave of Bolshevism is sweeping that country, the Times declares.

Russian Rouble Drops in Value

Dollar Has Taken Jump From 150,000 To 200,000

Moscow.—The Russian rouble is still depreciating. It now requires 200,000 of them to purchase a dollar, in one day the dollar has jumped from 150,000 roubles to 200,000 roubles, which is the most violent fluctuation since the free trade policy was inaugurated.

It is attributed to the fear of possession of large quantities of roubles to obtain foreign money at any price, and to a recent decree for the issuance of a new paper money on December 1.

Under the new form of printing the present high numbers will be eliminated, the notes returning to the one million value, which is worth 10,000 of the present notes.

By the new plan Russia's millions of millions will be patiently reduced to a lower financial class.

French Have Army Of 818,000 Men

Will Call Class of 1922 In Two Contingents

Paris.—The strength of France's army was given at 818,000 on Oct. 1, by the report of the army committee to the chamber of deputies. The report was made public in connection with the government proposed law calling the class of 1922 to the colors in two contingents, one next May and the other next November.

Although no official figures are available the report made a considerable part of the class of 1918 has returned to their homes on crop raising or indefinite leave, making the average forces in uniform 600,000 or upwards with the balance subject to immediate call.

Berlin Workers On Strike

Men In Electrical Department Demand Wage Increase

Berlin.—It was not only the darkness and without light, but the city electrical workers' strike of a refusal of their demand for a substantial increase in wages. Nocturnal for a settlement of the wage dispute, were actually in progress when the men walked out, leaving the city in darkness.

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THE BURDEN BEARER



Sweepstakes Captured By Grain Grown From Saskatchewan Samples

Chicago.—Canadian honors did not suffer in the judging arena at the International Livestock Exposition when the Clydesdales were exhibited, but the Dominion lost a coveted championship in the grain and hay show when wheat sweepstakes winner, a Montana farmer after the crown of champion wheat grower has rested on the head of J. G. Mitchell, of Dakota.

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LOCAL NEWS

Do your Christmas shopping early!

Dr. W. G. Anderson, of Steveston, was in town this week.

Mrs. Chas. Saeftel, of Pollockville, underwent an operation in the Bassano hospital this week. Her husband accompanied her to town.

A. T. Connolly spent the week-end with friends in Calgary.

The fisher-keeper of the famous Mary Ann of the Red Deer, was in town to do his Christmas shopping.

The jury in Arbuckle's case disagreed, 10 were for acquittal and two for conviction.

Mrs. H. F. McDonald left last Friday to visit her parents in Irvine.

Chief constable Eric Small assumed his duties on December 1st.

Wm. Steele is doing a garage and auto repair business in the Shoop building.

The weather has been remarkably fine this past week. Come to the tax sale next Wednesday at the Town Hall.

W. J. Redmond is planning on spending a riotous holiday in Calgary.

Mail advertisers have a fine range of suitable Christmas gifts.

Mr. Cryderman speaks at the Men's Club on Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church.

Jack Fessey is opening a garage and repair shop at Latham.

Jack C. McClellan won first prize in the weekly whist drive at Mrs. Lee's home on Wednesday.

The Gleichen and Bassano junior hockey teams play here on Friday night. Come out and cheer the little fellows along.

E. F. Purcell, of Brooks, went through Bassano on his way to Calgary. He was not talking politics at all.

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Suit Case or Club Bag
Wool Sweater Coat

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Silk or Cashmere Hosiery
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Silk Scarf
House Slippers
Fancy Waist
Silk Underskirt
Linen Table Cloth
Camisole or Brasiere
Bead Necklace
Box of Handkerchiefs
Dress Length of Silk

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Bedroom Slippers
Gloves or Mitts
Bead Necklet
Sweater Coat
Flannel Middy
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